

WRITE OUT LOUD, FIESTA DE REYES AND OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK TEAM UP TO PRESENT "TWAIN FEST"

A ONE DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE LITERATURE OF MARK TWAIN AND OTHER POPULAR WRITERS OF THE 19TH CENTURY

For Immediate Release: July 19, 2010

When: August 21, 2010 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where: Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Calhoun

Street, San Diego, CA 92110

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SAN DIEGO, CA - Celebrate your family's love of literature at Twain Fest, an all day festival celebrating Mark Twain and other popular writers of the 19th Century. Presented by Write Out Loud, Fiesta de Reyes and Old Town State Historic Park, Twain Fest is presented FREE to the public at Old Town State Historic Park on August 21, 2010 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Included will be readings by professional actors, music, activities for kids, games, fun and food for the entire family, all tied to the literature of the beloved author Mark Twain.

Mark Twain, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Paul Laurence

Dunbar, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Edgar Allan Poe and others will be read aloud by San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day. *Mark Twain for Kids* will be presented in Seeley Stables, *Garden of Literary Delights* will be served, along with complimentary tea, in the Casa de Estidillo, *Prof. Pudd'nhead & Co.* puppets will grace the outdoor Fiesta de Reyes stage, abridged Shakespeare will be presented by Cygnet Theatre's *Storytelling on the Green* troupe and a 19th Century style Séance will bring departed writers 'to the table' so to speak.

Literary games including Fish for Words, Chortle This and Telegraph Crunch will delight the entire family, as well as sack races, marbles, ring toss and other games of the period for the kids. A spelling bee will run throughout the day as well as a community wide Never Ending Story to which anyone who wishes may contribute.

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For more information about Twain Fest visit www.writeoutloudsd or call 619-297-8953.